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Additional District Munsif's Courts for Kasaragod and Ongole.

* 465 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Additional District Munsifs' Courts were sanctioned for Kasaragod and Ongole;

(*b*) if so, why these courts have not been opened; and

(*c*) what is the pendency in these courts now?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No Additional District Munsif's Court was sanctioned either for Kasaragod or Ongole. But provision was made in the budget for the current year for the appointments of Additional District Munsifs to the District Munsifs' courts of Kasaragod and Ongole for six months each during the current year. The appointment of Additional District Munsif, Ongole, was sanctioned with effect from 1st July 1931 and that of Kasaragod was dropped in view of the present financial stringency. The Additional District Munsif, Ongole, is now working.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*c*) of this question, may I know whether the Government will call for the information and satisfy themselves that the pendency is more in Kasaragod than in Ongole?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I shall call for the information."

Forests

Forest Kancha system in the Nellore district.

* 466 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Forest Kancha system is peculiar to Nellore district only;

(*b*) whether its working has been satisfactory; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to call for a detailed report on this from the District Collector?

A.—(*a*) The system is largely followed only in that district.

(*b*) & (*c*) A report has been called for from the Chief Conservator of Forests.

Panchayat Courts

Supersession of the Panchayat Court of Purasai village, North Arcot district.

* 467 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Panchayat Court of Purasai village in the North Arcot district has been superseded;

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(b) if so, who is administering the functions of the Panchayat Court; and

(c) whether representations have been made against his being so appointed on the ground of his being the leader of a faction?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The civil functions of the superseded Panchayat Court are exercised by the village munsif appointed under section 7 of the Madras Village Courts Act, 1888, and its criminal functions by the Sub-Magistrate, Cheyyar.

(c) No representations have been received by Government.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" With reference to clause (b) of the answer, may I ask whether the Government will not take steps to reconstitute the panchayat court under the Panchayat Act? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" No, Sir."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know the reason for not reconstituting it, Sir? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Because the District Magistrate has reported that, on account of the existence of factions there, the panchayat court is not working satisfactorily."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I ask the hon. Member whether the Government cannot give the right to elect the members of the Panchayat Court to a faction which can command confidence? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Having regard to the District Magistrate's report, the answer is in the negative."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know what the strength of the factions is? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice."

Forest Panchayats

Assignment of a portion of land forming the Ramiampatti reserve to cultivating ryots.

* 468 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the people of Remenahalli, Budanatham, etc., villages in Harur taluk of Salem district have petitioned to Government requesting them to throw open the Ramiampatti reserve forest under the control of the forest panchayat of that place, and assign the fertile portions of the land to the poor ryots;

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken and how the matter was finally disposed of;

(c) whether it is a fact that that forest area was once cultivable patta lands in or about the fasli 1281; and

(d) if so, what objections there exist to assigning the land now?